

ARRANGEMENT IN AN IP NODE FOR PRESERVING SECURITY-BASED SEQUENCES  
BY ORDERING IP PACKETS ACCORDING TO QUALITY OF SERVICE  
REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO ENCRYPTION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A router has at least one outbound interface configured for establishing multiple IP-based secure connections (i.e., tunnels) with respective destinations based on transmission of encrypted data packets via the IP-based secure connections. The encrypted data packets are generated by a cryptographic module, where each encrypted packet successively output from the cryptographic module includes a corresponding successively-unique sequence number. The supply of data packets to the cryptographic module is controlled by a queue controller: the queue controller assigns, for each secure connection, a corresponding queuing module configured for outputting a group of data packets associated with the corresponding secure connection according to a corresponding assigned maximum output bandwidth. Each queuing module also is configured for reordering the corresponding group of data packets according to a determined quality of service policy and the corresponding assigned maximum output bandwidth.